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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

An English Abstract summarizing the disclosure of the cited reference DE 44 09 391 A1 is submitted herewith.

Copies of documents DE 92 13 599 U and DE 39 38 546 D2 are not attached, because these documents are believed to have been forwarded by the International Bureau together with the International Search Report.

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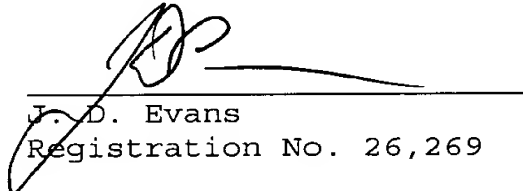
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antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to confirm receipt and consideration of the documents by initialing and returning a copy of the accompanying form PTO-1449.

Respectfully submitted,

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